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SUBJ: STATEMENTS BY TURKISH FONMIN ON CYPRUS

1. FONMIN ESENBEL, IN PRESS CONFERENCE NOVEMBER 27, GAVE
FOLLOWING RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS RELATED TO CYPRUS:

A. ON NATO MINISTERIAL MEETING: ESENBEL AFFIRMED THAT
HE WOULD ATTEND NATO MINISTERIAL AND WOULD HAVE OPPORTUNITY
TO TALK WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER THERE.

B. ON TREATMENT OF CYPRUS ISSUE IN US-USSR VLADIVOSTOK
COMMUNIQUE:

"...WE HAVE WELCOMED THAT THERE IS IN THE COMMUNIQUE
...THE IDEA OF SUPPORTING THE INDEPENDENCE AND TERRITORIAL
INTEGRITY OF CYPRUS."

C. ON MAKARIOS' POSSIBLE RETURN:

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"IT IS THE GREEK CYPRIOT COMMUNITY'S RIGHT TO ELECT ITS

OWN LEADER. HOWEVER, ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS HAS PLAYED A MAJOR ROLE IN THE EVENTS AND DISAGREEMENTS ON THE ISLAND PREVIOUSLY. WITH THE POLICY HE FOLLOWED, HE SEPARATED THE TWO COMMUNITIES FROM ONE ANOTHER. FOR THIS REASON HIS RETURN TO THE ISLAND CERTAINLY WILL NOT BE HELPFUL TO PEACE. BY 'PEACE' HERE, I MEAN LEADING THE CYPRUS QUESTION A SOLUTION BY PEACEFUL WAYS. UNDER PRESENT CONDITIONS, WE CAN MAKE NO OTHER ASSESSMENT OF MAKARIOS' WISH TO RETURN TO THE ISLAND THAN THAT HIS AIM IS TO MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT FOR THE TWO COMMUNITIES TO REACH AN AGREEMENT. IT CAN ALSO BE THOUGHT THAT (HIS RETURN) WILL LEAD THE PEACEFUL SOLUTION OF THE CYPRUS QUESTION IN A NEGATIVE DIRECTION."

D. ON POSSIBILITY OF OUTBREAKS OF VIOLENCE AMONG GREEK CYPRIOT FACTIONS:

"WE HOPE THAT NO SUCH CLASHES WILL OCCUR. BUT IF CLASHES DO TAKE PLACE AND THE LIVES OF TURKS LIVING IN THE SOUTH ARE IN JEOPARDY, CERTAINLY THE NECESSARY MEASURES WILL BE TAKEN AND THE PROTECTION OF TURKS WILL BE INSURED. THERE IS NO CAUSE FOR ANY DOUBT ABOUT THIS."

3. ON COUNCIL OF EUROPE HANDLING OF CYPRUS ISSUE: ESENBEL CONFIRMED THAT HE WAS NOT ATTENDING MINISTERIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL OF EUROPE FOLLOWING DAY BECAUSE "NO AGREEMENT WAS REACHED FOR THE PRESENCE OF THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE TURKISH CYPRIOT COMMUNITY AT THE EBATES ON THE CYPRUS ISSUE" IN MEETING.

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